

ELIZABETH JOHNSON



Lisa (Elizabeth) Johnson was born Aug. 7, 1843, at Haggmas, Sweden. She does not remember her father at all, as he died when she was a very small child. She and her mother worked a great deal in the fields with her stepfather. Her work was tending cattle.

At the age of 19 she lost her mother. This was a very sad event in her life, as she had no brothers or sisters. Her only relative

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was an aunt and she lived in another town. After this she had to work very hard.

She was married to Olof Johnson on September 23, 1866. To them were born seven children. The oldest, a boy of four years, died in the old country. The children are as follows: Karolina (Mrs. Peter Sandell Olson), Lizabeth (Mrs. Leonard W. Brown), Betsy (Mrs. Andrew Olson), John, Olie, and Andrew. There were 16 grandchildren.

After joining the LDS Church she, with her husband and five children, left Sweden on August 8, 1882, for America. They came from New York to Salt Lake by train. As the train was slowing down at Ogden depot the band began to play. This put new life into the immigrants. There was a banquet in Ogden. They remained on the train all night and came to Salt Lake the next morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were met in Salt Lake by Mr. Anderson, known as Blacksmith Anderson. They came to Heber the next morning.

On arrival in Heber City they had only 50 cents, with which she bought a school book for her children.

Her husband was hurt while working in a rock quarry, after which he was a semi-invalid. She had to care for him. She milked cows for their livelihood.

In 1917 her husband died. After his death she lived with her son Olie until she died March 22, 1934, at the age of 92.

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